

INFORMATION REPORT

CD NO.

COUNTRY Switzerland/Spain/Italy

DATE DISTR 5 MAY 51

SUBJECT Purchase of Mercury by Swiss Firms

NO. OF PAGES 1

PLACE 25X1A
ACQUIRED [REDACTED]

NO. OF ENCLS.
(LISTED BELOW)

DATE OF INFO.

25X1X

SUPPLEMENT TO
REPORT NO.

1. Frederic Hainbrod of Geneva-Vuarin is reported to have purchased 3,000 flasks of mercury of unknown origin from the Gabbiani firm of Milan. It is believed that the mercury will be shipped to India.
2. One Maggi,* firm, of Morges, Switzerland, is reported to have purchased 3,000 flasks of mercury from the Bank of Spain. The mercury will be dispatched from Barcelona in shipments of 200 bottles at a time. The ultimate destination of the mercury is not known.

25X1A

* [REDACTED] Comment: The telephone directory lists a Maurice Maggi in Morges.

25X1A

Comment: There is no proof at hand that the above-described consignments of mercury are bound either for Communist China or Eastern Europe. However, since a large proportion of the traffic in mercury passing through Switzerland eventually enters the Soviet sphere, it was thought advisable to place the above transactions on record. Further details may eventually come to light.

CLASSIFICATION, ~~SECRET~~/CONTROL - U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY

STATE	X	NAVY	X	NSRB	DISTRIBUTION				
ARMY	X	AIR		FBI				OTR	Ev

Document No. 14

No Change in Class. ☐

☐ **Declassified**

Class. Changed To: TS S (C)

Sanitized - Approved For Release : CIA-RDP82-00457R0074000800014-5 ... 24

00457R007409890014-5 24